**Welcome to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games Project!**

**Overview:**

The Olympics has a long and storied tradition dating back to ancient Greece. The games not only serve as the ultimate competition in athletics, but also an effective means of fostering positive international relations. The 2014 winter games (hosted by Sochi, Russia) will begin February 7 and last until February 23, 2014.

**Your Assignment:**

1. You are to write a brief (1 page or so) history of the Olympic games. This history should include its beginnings, evolution and a comparison to the current Olympic games.
2. You are to select a country that is competing in the 2014 games. This can be any country OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES.
3. You are to research the following about your country.
   1. Location (Where? Climate?)
   2. Brief history (When founded, important events)
   3. Ethnicity, Language, Religions & other points of cultural interest
   4. Government (What kind? Important people?)
   5. Economic information
4. Follow your country during the 2014 Winter Games!
   1. Keep a record of the top competitors from your country
   2. Identify the people/teams who won medals and describe their events
   3. Update the total medal count for your country!
   4. Submit an Olympic report that list the information above!
5. Create a large brochure for your country, including:
   1. The information researched above
   2. The national Flag & other symbols that represent your country
   3. The best stories of the 2014 winter games (from your country)
6. Present your country to the class… don’t forget to be patriotic!!

**Due Dates:**

The assignment will be broken into segments. The schedule below must be followed in order to receive full credit!

Part 1 – History of the Olympic games – **Due Wednesday, 12 Feb. 2014**

Part 2 – Report of your selected country – **Due Friday, 14 Feb. 2014**

Part 3 – Olympic Report, Brochure & Presentations – **Due Monday, 24 Feb. 2014**

**Grading:**

There will be rubrics provided that detail how each segment will be scored.